

PTO/SB/21 (08-03)

Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

<b>TRANSMITTAL FORM</b> (to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)	Application Number	09/922,363
	Filing Date	08/02/2001
	First Named Inventor	CHRISTOPHER J. MANNING
	Art Unit	2877
	Examiner Name	Connolly, Patrick J.
Total Number of Pages in This Submission	Attorney Docket Number	cm 080201

ENCLOSURES (Check all that apply)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form <input type="checkbox"/> Fee Attached <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply <i>signature pages</i> <input type="checkbox"/> After Final <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/declaration(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Request <input type="checkbox"/> Express Abandonment Request <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts/Incomplete Application <input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53	<input type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Licensing-related Papers <input type="checkbox"/> Petition <input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application <input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney, Revocation <input type="checkbox"/> Change of Correspondence Address <input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer <input type="checkbox"/> Request for Refund <input type="checkbox"/> CD, Number of CD(s) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance communication to Group <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Group (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief) <input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information <input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter <input type="checkbox"/> Other Enclosure(s) (please identify below):
Remarks <i>payment, transmittal form, fee, extension request, transmittal form, SASE for acknowledgment updated drawing sent by express mail this is only the signature page of response forgot to sign both copies by mail</i>		
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT		
Firm or Individual name	CHRISTOPHER J. MANNING	
Signature	<i>Christopher J. Manning</i>	
Date	12 Sept 03	

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION/MAILING		
I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO or deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope, addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date shown below.		
Typed or printed name	by FAX ~ 18:00 Pacific time 12 Sept 03	
Signature	CHRISTOPHER J. MANNING	Date 12 Sept 03

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.5. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to 12 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.

*Cover (this sheet) + 2 pages  
to 703-872-9318*

Application/Control Number: 09/922,363  
Art Unit: 2877

Attorney Docket No.:  
CM 080201

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Manning,	)	Group Art Unit: 2877
	Christopher J.	)	
		)	
Serial No.:	09/922,363	)	Examiner: Patrick J. Connolly
		)	
Filed on:	Aug. 2, 2001	)	
		)	
For:	FOURIER-TRANSFORM	)	
	SPECTROMETERS	)	
		)	

RESPONSE TO MARCH 12, 2003 NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

September 12, 2003

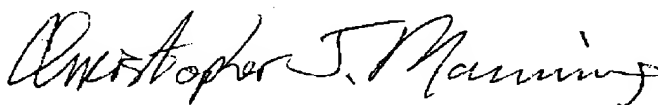
Via Fax 703-872-9318  
TC2800: Before Final

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The Applicant submits the following response to the  
Examiner's March 12, 2003 Non-Final Office Action.

Respectfully submitted,



Christopher J. Manning

Inventor/Applicant

12sept03

Application/Control Number: 09/922,363  
Art Unit: 2877

Attorney Docket No.:  
CM 080201

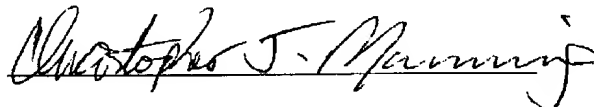
17 is novel over Rapp's teachings.

4. CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks, the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the claims as amended and allowance of same.

September 12, 2003

Respectfully submitted,



Christopher J. Manning

Inventor/Applicant

12 Sept 03

RECEIVED  
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

SEP 15 2003

OFFICIAL